Clerks/Works Assistant Grade I who got promotion order to the posts of Junior Accounts Officer in Archaeological Survey of India during the last three years;

(b) what is the number of staff who refused promotion to the post of Junior Accounts Officer and how many of them were debarred from future promotion, for a period of one year under the rules;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of them got promotion before completion of one year of their refusal to the post of Administrative Officer; and

(d) if so, how many were given such promotion and what were the reasons for the violation of Government's orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Three Head Clerks and sixteen Works Assistant Grade-I got promotion to the post of Junior Accounts Officer during the last 3 years.

(b) Nine Works Assistant Grade-I refused promotion for the post of Junior Accounts Officer during the year 1984 to 1986 and all of them were debarred for promotion for one year.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Only three of them were promoted subsequently to the post of Administrative Officer. The field of eligibility for promotion both to the post of Administrative Officer and Junior Accounts Officer includes Works Assistants and these three were the seniormost. As the debarment was for the post of Junior Accounts Officer only, no violation of the Rules occurred in promoting these officers to the post of Administrative Officer.

Import of Cellular Mobile Radio Telephone

1198. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 166 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited propose to import Cellular Mobile Radio Telephones worth rupees 9 crores from foreign companies;

(b) whether orders for the purchase of Cellular Mobile Radio System have been placed and if so, what are the names of the companies and by when the equipment will be made available to the subscribers;

(c) what prompted Government to incur expenditure on such non-essential items which are needed only for a small section of wealthy users in the metropolitan cities, to the detriment of efficient telecommunication services; and

(d) whether Government propose to re-examine the proposal and discourage the introduction of car phones at this stage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. A tender for installation of Cellular Mobile Radio System in Bombay is two phases *i.e.* of 1200 units and 3800 additional units has been invited. This has been received and is under evaluation. Cost of the system will be known after evaluation completed and decision is taken

(b) No, Sir.

(c) It is considered that the service is essential for a section of the people who have to be in contact while there are on move. From the experience of other countries, this service is not only extremely popular but also economically viable. It is not only intended for users who are wealthy

by also for businessmen, industrialists, service persons etc. who contribute to economic uplift of the country.

It is also possible to provide service to out of way areas and ensure reliability of communication in case of break-down of telephone service.

(d) No, Sir.

State of National Highway between Nagpur and Bombay

1199. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of National Highway between Nagpur and Bombay has become very bad and that the same requires immediate repair;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct a lane road between Nagpur and Chandrapur (Maharashtra);

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. The entire length of National Highway from Nagpur to Bombay is having two-lane carriageway and is in traffic worthy condition.

(b) to (d) There already exists a road from Nagpur to Chandrapur. The road from Nagpur to Jamb is a National Highway and from Jamb to Chandrapur it is a State Highway. During the Seventh Five Year Plan there is a provision to strengthen a stretch of 26 kms. between Nagpur and Jamb out of a total length of 60 kms. and the maintenance of the road between Jamb and Chandrapur is the responsibility of the State Government.

Shortage of medicines for treatment of Diarrhoea

1200. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the medicine required for the treatment of Diarrhoea are in short supply in the country;

(b) what are the names of drugs used for the treatment of Diarrhoea being marketed in the country both as single ingredient or in combination;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are providing oral dehydration salts to the patient;

(d) whether there is any proposal to provide the required medicines under National Health Programme; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Department of Chemicals & Petro-Cchemicals under the Ministry of Industry is regularly monitoring the availability of important life-saving drugs in the country. As per the information received from that Department, there have been no reports of shortage of drugs required in the treatment of Diarrhoea.

(b) The names of the drugs both single as well as in combinations used for the treatment of Diarrhoea are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below.)

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Government provides Oral Dehydration Salts (RS) and other essential antidiarrhoeal drugs under National Health Programme.